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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE REQUEST: POINTS FOR BAN/MALI KI JULY 21
MEETING

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request. Please see paras 2 and 3.

[1](#)2. (U) USUN is requested to demarche the UN Secretariat at the highest level in anticipation of Secretary-General Ban's expected meeting with Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki on July 21 in New York.

[1](#)3. (U) USUN may draw on the following talking points:

-- We expect that Prime Minister Maliki will focus his discussion with the UN on the next steps necessary to lift Chapter VII UN Security Council resolutions (UNSCRs).

-- We and many other members of the Council support making progress towards restoring the Government of Iraq to its former international standing. However, as you know, members of the Security Council also believe that the GOI must take positive and constructive steps to address some of the underlying issues in order to create a climate that is more favorable to lifting these resolutions.

-- For example, the United States has sought to urge the Iraqis to take steps to address some of the issues with Kuwait, the Oil-For-Food (OFF) contracts, and compliance with international norms of nonproliferation.

-- We would appreciate your support in reinforcing with the GOI the degree to which taking some additional steps could greatly facilitate with the members of the Council lifting the UNSCRs.

End talking points.

[1](#)4. (U) Background: Beginning with Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990, the Security Council (SC) passed a series of resolutions regarding Iraq on a wide array of topics which impose ongoing obligations on Iraq under Chapter VII of the UN Charter. The Government of Iraq (GOI) has consistently asked to be released from many, but not all, of these obligations. Through the U.S.-Iraq Security Agreement and UNSCR 1859 (2008), we and the UN have been enlisted to assist in this effort. In anticipation of the imminent release of the U.N. 1859 report demonstrating the actions necessary for the Government of Iraq (GOI) to achieve its international standing prior to the adoption of these resolutions, Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki is expected to meet with Secretary General Ban in New York on July 21 to discuss the report.
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